[Mr. K. Sivarama Panikkar.]

(2) whether the Devolution Officer has submitted a report to the Government suggesting the necessity for such a system here;

(3) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of that report; and

(4) whether they have considered this question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) to (4). The Member is referred to the answers to interpellation No. 365 by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

Pallikkal-Velinallur Road.

367. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to question No. 157 *re* Pallikal-Velinallur road asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th November 1925, will the Government be pleased to state whether the report called for from the Chief Engineer in the matter has been received?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; the Chief Engineer has reported that he has received a detailed report on the subject from the Division Officer which has, however, been referred back to him for further information on certain points.

Filling of an Assistant Secretary's Post.

368. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Office Systems suggested that an Assistant Secretary's place in the Huzur Cutcherry could be dispensed with;

(*b*) whether an Assistant Secretary's place was left unfilled when Mr. Gnana Joshua retired and when Mr. K. R. Krishna Pillai was acting as Assistant Secretary; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to fill up that place now and if they have already filled it up, who the person appointed is?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mr. A. R. Subrahmanya Aiyar has been appointed in the vacancy.

Appointments made in the Office of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

369. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*):

(*a*) What is the number of appointments in the clerical staff of the Inspectress of Schools and of her Assistants made during the last three years?

(*b*) How many qualified women were appointed as clerks or typists during the last two years?

(*c*) How many women had applied for appointment during this period?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Three permanent and one acting.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) One.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government kindly state why the application from the one woman was rejected ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The reasons for the rejection of that application have to be enquired into. Government must ask the Director about that.

Mr. A. J. Lopez.

370. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(1) the educational qualification of Mr. A. J. Lopez ;

(2) what he was in Karkatakam 1100 and what his pay then was ;

(3) the nature and date of the subsequent enhancement of his pay and his promotions ; and

(4) whether there were not then better qualified men with greater claims available for the places to which he was promoted ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (1) Mr. Lopez is a matriculate.

(2) Last Karkatakam he was Acting Librarian in the Trivandrum Public Library on Rs. 110 in the scale of Rs. 75-5/1-100-10/2-150.

(3) The post of Librarian having fallen permanently vacant, Mr. Lopez was confirmed in that post in Kanni 1101 (September 1925) and his pay was raised to Rs. 150 per mensem in view of the promotion for which he would have been eligible had he continued in the substantive appointment in the Secretariat upon which he had a lien and where his turn for promotion as Superintendent had come. From 14-12-25 he was appointed Secretary to the Administrative Board, Medical Services, and drew the sanctioned pay of that appointment, *viz.*, Rs. 200-25/2-250. There was no subsequent enhancement of pay or promotion.

(4) He was appointed as Secretary, Administrative Board, Medical Services, as Government considered him the most suitable officer for the post.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether there were any graduate officers, of this grade and of superior grades in the Huzur Secretariat, when he was appointed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : What is the appointment, please ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : As Secretary to the Medical Board.

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